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FOR THE SECRETARY

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), TZ

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO TANZANIA: REACTION

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1569

1. PUBLIC REACTION IN TANZANIA TO POST LUSAKA PART OF SECRETARY'S AFRICA TRIP HAS BEEN MINIMAL, CHIEFLY BECAUSE PRESIDENT AND WHOLE TOP OF FOREIGN MINISTRY IS IN EUROPE. CANCELLATION OF GHANA VISIT WAS NOT EVEN NOTED IN LOCAL PRESS.

2. ON PERSONAL SIDE, JOHN MALECELA, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, TOLD USAID DIRECTOR JOHNSON APRIL 28 THAT SECRETARY'S TRIP AND LUSAKA SPEECH REPRESENTED GENUINE AND MAJOR CHANGE IN US POLICY AND ATTITUDES TOWARD AFRICA. HE NOTED THAT PRESENT USG POSTURE WOULD SHAKE MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS NOTHING ELSE COULD AND SAID THE LUSAKA SPEECH PARTICULARLY WOULD OPEN THE WAY FOR US-FREE AFRICA POLITICAL DIALOGUE.

3. COMMENT: IRONICALLY, IT WAS MALECELA, TRADITIONALLY AMONG TANGOV OFFICIALS MOST CRITICAL OF US, WHO STARTED SPONTANEOUS APPLAUSE IN MIDDLE OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH AT FOREIGN MINISTER'S DINNER. HIS SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS TO AID DIRECTOR OUTLINED ABOVE SUGGEST THAT HIS MORE SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE HAS PERSISTED FOR AT LEAST FEW DAYS. HOW LONG IT WILL CONTINUE

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DOMINATE ATTITUDE OF ACERBIC AND MERCURIAL MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

REMAINS TO BE SEEM.

4. AFTER PREPARATION FOREGOING WE RECEIVED COPY FO DAR ES SALAAM
REUTERS (BARRY MOODY) REPORT (0828 APRIL 30) OF SECRETARY'S VISIT.
ASSUME THIS AVAILABLE TO YOU. IT STRIKES US AS ACCURATE REFLEC-
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